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**New Presentation Added to the OHC Training Webinar Archives (Housing Counselor Certification Website):**

Original air date: June 04, 2015 - Stakeholder Call on the Housing Counselor Certification Website: HUD Office of Housing Counseling Deputy Assistant Secretary Sarah Gerecke announced the launch of HUD's Housing Counselor Certification website. This website is an important step to help counselors get ready for the upcoming housing counselor certification examination. The website offers free on-line training and a downloadable study guide covering a broad range of statute topics. There is no PowerPoint presentation. View the Housing Counselor Certification website at: [hudhousingcounselors.com](http://hudhousingcounselors.com). On June 16, 2015 there will also be a live demonstration of the website. (Please see registration link below in the Training Updates section.)

•Audio Re-play Telephone Number: (800) 475-6701, Access Code: 361937

All of the HUD Office of Housing Counseling's (OHC) webinars are posted in archival form on the [Training Webinar Archive](#). There is no registration or fee required to view the archives

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**New HUD Press Release:**

- HUD ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH NORTH MIAMI BEACH CONDO ASSOCIATION SETTling CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY RESIDENTS

Stay up to date on the latest HUD news and announcements by visiting [HUD's Public Affairs website](#).

AND

**New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:**

1. **HUD OHC Webinar Training for Housing Counselors:** Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) Training Calendar [on-line](#). After registering,

you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [View System Requirements](#). All OHC webinars will be archived in the [OHC Webinar Archive](#). Please direct questions to: [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov).

- June 15, 2015 - Best Practices/Lessons Learned for HUD Approved Multi-State Agencies, (MSO), State Housing Finance Agencies (SHFA) & Intermediary Housing Counseling Agencies: During this session HUD will discuss the main issues found during HUD financial reviews performed to date. Including the best practices related to the grant management by topic areas and the lessons learned during the previous reviews performed. Register [on-line](#).
- June 16, 2015 - [hudhousingcounselors.com](http://hudhousingcounselors.com) website demonstration: First look at the new website for training and certifying HUD housing counselors. Register [on-line](#).
- June 16, 2015 - Submitting a budget: Topics include developing the budget, justifications and assumptions; understanding unallowable costs; and requirements for submitting the 10% de Minimis submissions. Register [on-line](#).
- June 19, 2015 - Best Practices/Lessons Learned for HUD Approved Local Housing Counseling Agencies (LHCAs): During this session HUD will discuss the main issues found during HUD financial reviews performed to date. Including the best practices related to the grant management by topic areas and the lessons learned during the previous reviews performed. Register [on-line](#).
- June 23, 2015 - Tips and tools for working with clients with LEP: This webinar will provide housing counselors with tips and tools for working with clients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Register [on-line](#).
- HUD Exchange: HUD has launched an online curriculum, including video, dynamic presentations and self-paced training modules, designed to help HUD partners understand Federal financial requirements. The HUD Exchange Training and Events website also has many other courses and training opportunities of interest to housing counselors, non-profit and local government agencies. To access HUD Exchange you must first create an account. This [document](#) contains step by step instructions for creating an account on the HUD Exchange website. Once you have created an account, you will be able to access different HUD Exchange components. Visit [HUD Exchange](#) to learn more and register for training opportunities.
  - HUD Exchange Financial Management Curriculum: Completing the financial management curriculum will assist grantees and sub-

recipients to comply with federal grant requirements, increase effectiveness, and maximize efficiency. The first course, Financial Management 101, provides an introduction to key topics and financial management basics. View [on-line](#).

**2. IRS Educational Training for Exempt Organizations:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers training for non-profit organizations. [View the IRS training calendar](#). Training dates include:

- September 24, 2015 - Austin, TX

Also [view the IRS webinar course catalog](#). The IRS provides [on-line](#) training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status. The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics.

**3. Water Wednesday's Training:** HUD and EPA have launched a series of webcasts on water conservation and water efficiency for HUD partners and stakeholders. For further information and registration, please visit EPA [on-line](#). Upcoming Webinar Schedule:

- June 17, 2015 - WaterSense and LEED Housing Programs
- July 29, 2015 - Water Efficiency Best Management Practices for Multi-unit Property Managers
- August 26, 2015 - Tracking Water & Energy Savings
- September 16, 2015 - Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Housing Developments
- October 28, 2015 - Greywater Reuse: Is it Right for Your Facilities?

**4. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities:** Visit NeighborWorks® [Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- NeighborWorks® Training Institutes (NTI). Registration, class schedules, scholarships, and other information can be found [on-line](#).
  - August 17-21, 2015 - Philadelphia, PA
  - December 07-11, 2015 - Washington DC
  - February 22-26, 2106 - Atlanta GA
  - May 02-06, 2016 - Los Angeles, CA
  - August 08-12, 2016 - Detroit, MI
- NeighborWorks® Updated HECM Basics eLearning Course: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Basics Overview, an eLearning course, has been updated with the latest information on loan costs, loan calculation, payment plans, HECM counseling session requirements, and

post-counseling follow-up. To register for this as well as other eLearning Courses visit NeighborWorks® [online](#).

- The NeighborWorks® Store: NeighborWorks® Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC) is a leading resource on pre-purchase and post-purchase homeowner education. Prospective homeowners learn the entire home-buying process, from managing money and understanding credit to securing a mortgage loan and shopping for a home in Realizing the American Dream. The manual's teaching companion, realizing the American Dream Trainer's Manual, provides instructors with teaching tools, activities, worksheets and visual aids. Are you counseling homeowners? Keeping the American Dream will give them the skills they need to remain secure in their new home purchase. To learn more about these publications or make a purchase, visit the [NeighborWorks® Store](#).

**5. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors:** The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive training opportunities on a wide variety of topics. For more information, registration and course details, please visit the [NHNLA training Calendar](#). Please see the list of new webinar and live courses below:

- June 08, 2015 - eLearning Foreclosure Prevention I
- June 08, 2015 - eLearning Housing Counseling Competency: Housing Counselor Certification Prep Course
- June 08, 2015 - eLearning Housing Counseling Competency: Financial Management
- June 15, 2015 - eLearning Housing Counseling Competency: Property Maintenance
- June 22, 2015 - eLearning Housing Counseling Competency: Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy
- June 23-26, 2015 - Hanover, MD. Private Training Financial Counseling

**6. The Counselor's Corner Training:** For more information visit The Counselor's Corner [website](#). Membership is free.

Webinar: Beginner Course - Certified Military Home Specialist. Sponsored by The Counselor's Corner and Boots Across America. This beginner course is designed to acquaint housing professionals with military terminology that is often foreign to the housing community. The course provides the tools and introduces the skills needed by housing professionals to provide the expert service our military personnel need and deserve. This is a certification course, which is free. There is a fee for taking the exam online after the webinar. Both dates are the same class. Select the date most convenient for you and please remember to check out with the shopping cart for the free class.

- June 11, 2015 - Register [on-line](#).
- June 24, 2015 - Register [on-line](#).

**7. FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Live Training:** Classroom Training. Early Delinquency Servicing Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Training. Classroom training is for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD-approved Housing Counselors, and Nonprofit Housing Counselors. For-profit Housing Counselors are not permitted to attend this training. This training covers a broad range and includes full coverage on: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, Delinquencies, Defaults, Mortgage Collection Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program. Additionally, overviews will be presented pertaining to Extension of Time Requests and Variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. No fee. Space is limited to 45 participants; Registration is first come, first served. For more information please email: [eclass@hud.gov](mailto:eclass@hud.gov), Register [on-line](#). Training dates include:

- August 11-12, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK

Upcoming FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Webinars:

- June 10, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Retention Options. Register [on-line](#).
- June 17, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Retention Options (HAMP). Register [on-line](#).
- June 24, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Disposition Options. Register [on-line](#).
- July 08, 2015 - Neighborhood Watch System: Servicer Tools. Register [on-line](#).
- July 15, 2015 - SFDMS: Reporting Basics. Register [on-line](#).
- July 22, 2015 - SFDMS: Reporting Examples. Register [on-line](#).
- July 29, 2015 - SFDMS: Errors. Register [on-line](#).
- August 05, 2015 - Extension of Time and Variance Request System (EVARS) Training. Register [on-line](#).

HUD Loss Mitigation Live Classroom Training Schedule: This is classroom training for HUD-approved Housing Counseling agencies, servicing lenders, and nonprofits. The training will provide information on FHA Loss Mitigation tools. It will cover new changes with the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), pre-foreclosure sale, and deed-in-lieu. No fee. For more information on upcoming dates please [email](#) HUD.

- June 16, 2015 - Jacksonville, FL. Register [on-line](#).
- July 16, 2015 - Atlanta, GA.
- July 21, 2015 - Greensboro, NC.
- July 23, 2015 - Indianapolis, IN.
- July TBD, 2015 - Nashville, TN.

- August TBD, 2015 - Birmingham, AL.
- September TBD, 2015 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**8. Making Home Affordable (MHA):** These webinars are designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Register [on-line](#):

- June 11, 2015 - Understanding the Terms of a HAMP Modification
- June 15, 2015 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program for Trusted Advisors
- June 17, 2015 - MHA Tools and Resources for Trusted Advisors
- June 23, 2015 - Mortgage Assistance for North Carolina Homeowners
- June 24, 2015 - Trends in Homeownership and Mortgage Debt Among Older Americans
- July 28, 2015 - Mortgage Assistance for Florida Homeowners

**9. Marketing 101 by VHDA:** The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is providing [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. Additionally, they have posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.

**10. OCC Financial Literacy Update:** The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations. Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update [on-line](#).

**11. HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast:** The HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast is an entertaining and educational series of conversations focused on military off-base housing. Sponsored by HopeNow and Clearpoint Financial Solutions. No fee. Listen to the Podcasts [on-line](#).

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[aaa@xyz.com](#)  
[bbb@xyz.com](#)  
[ccc@xyz.com](#)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

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### **Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:**

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
  - [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
  - [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
  - [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
  - [OHC Webinar Archive](#)
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